

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-9, and 17-28 are allowable.

The Amendments

No new matter is added in any of the amendments. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and reconsider the application.

Claims 1, 10, and 29 have been amended as discussed below.

The Response

35 USC §112 Rejection

Claims 1-16 and 23-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In response, the Applicants have amended Claim 1 to correct a typographical error introduced in the Preliminary Amendment dated January 22, 2007. Claim 1 has been amended to change “to automatically configure a **wired** edge device,” to “to automatically configure a **wireless** edge device.” (Emphasis Added) Thus, the Applicants submit that this amendment overcomes the Examiner’s rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner also rejected Claim 23 for the same reason as Claim 1. The Applicants submit that the typographical error present in Claim 1 is not present in Claim 23. Therefore, the Applicants believe that Claim 23 should not have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

35 USC §103(a) Rejection

Claims 10-16 and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over Jones (U.S. Patent 6,137,802) in view of Kmack (U.S. Patent 6,304,851).

In rejecting Claims 10 and 29, the Examiner stated that two levels of configuring are not found in Claims 10 and 29. In response, the Applicants have amended Claim 10 to recite a processor for executing a software application for “configuring the port to support a wireless edge device.” Similarly, Claim 29 has been amended to recite a processor for “configuring at least one of the ports to support a wireless edge device.” The Applicants submit that these amendments overcome the Examiner’s rejections. Thus, Claims 10-16 and 29-32 are patentable over the cited prior art.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is now in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited.

To expedite allowance of this case, the Examiner is earnestly invited to call the undersigned at (949) 759-5269.

Respectfully submitted,

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